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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL INTEREST IN US AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

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DEPARTMENT HAS NO INFORMATION THAT CASTS DOUBT ON BRADY'S
 ASSERTION THAT SOME IN CONGRESS WILL ATTEMPT TO PLACE
 RESTRICTION ON AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITIES IN
 INDOCHINA. POSITION SET FORTH IN REFTEL B CONTINUES TO BE
 THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION AS TO LEGALITY OF AERIAL
 RECONNAISSANCE OVER CAMBODIA AND THE USE OF THE INTELLIGENCE
 END PRODUCT BY THE FANK. A CIVIL SUIT HAS RECENTLY BEEN
 BROUGHT BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AGAINST THE
 ADMINISTRATION FOR ALLEGED ACTIVITIES CONTRARY TO THE
 PARIS ACCORDS AND CONGRESSIONAL INTENT. GIVEN LIKELY CON-
 GRESSIONAL INTEREST IN RESTRICTING RECCE, ORGANIZATIONS
 WHICH STAFFDEL VISIT SHOULD REPORT FULLY ON QUESTIONS
 RAISED, RESPONSES GIVEN, AND VIEWS EXPRESSED BY STAFFDEL.
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